

## Racing Points Premiership Rules

### Introduction

At Tamworth Cycle Club, we're proud of our Club, and of the hard work of the volunteers.

What you may not know is that literally hours of planning and preparation go into developing sponsor relationships, preparing traffic management plans, seeking road occupancy approvals, and setting up signage, marshalling, commissaires and handicapping before the racing season begins.

We love to see our members enjoy what our volunteers create. In return, we ask for support for our Club, and for the rules that not only keep things safe and organised, but promote our Club to new members, and raise funds for our ongoing work.

If you have any questions or feedback about the rules below, please ask your Club Captain Joe Kelly, Handicapper Jeremy Bartlett, or Racing Coordinator Rob Wright for further information.

### Points System

1. All Cycling Australia or UCI licensed competitors are eligible to compete for points in the Points Premiership. You do not have to be a member of Tamworth Cycle Club to be eligible. The Club has recently approved paying for TCC's regular racing program to be classed as Club Open, so that we can include any other Club members in our program of events.
2. We encourage all members to show their support by wearing club kit when racing and representing Tamworth Cycle Club. To be eligible for points in Tamworth Cycle Club races, riders must be wearing:
  - Approved club kit, or
  - Approved sponsor kit, or
  - Plain (non-sponsored/non-branded) kit.

A grace period of leniency will be given to riders new to racing to allow time to obtain appropriate kit. After that time, if you are not wearing one of the above you will still be allowed to race, but you will not be eligible for points. The decision of the Race Director or Chief Commissaire is final.

For further information on sponsored kit, please visit the [Cycling NSW website](#) or read the Sponsor Kit resource on the Tamworth Cycle Club website.

3. Points will be awarded as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – 5 Points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 3 Points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 2 Points

4<sup>th</sup> Place – 1 Point

Participation – 2 Points (in addition to points awarded above).

In the event of a "dead heat" points will be awarded to both riders.

4. In the event riders finish on equal points at the end of the season, the rider with the most race wins will be awarded the relevant position being contested (i.e. if two riders finish equal second on points, the rider with the most wins will be awarded second place). If the number of wins is equal, the number of second place finishes will be assessed, and if required the number of third place finishes. If the riders can still not be separated, any

relevant prize money will be shared evenly (i.e. in the above example, prize money for second and third would be combined and split evenly).

5. Any rider judged by the Chief Commissaire to have committed an indiscretion that is deemed to have affected the outcome of the race will be relegated to last place for that race and will be ineligible for points (other than points for participating). A list of some, but not all, potential indiscretions is listed in notes below.
6. Final race results will be the responsibility of the Chief Commissaire on the day. His/her decision will be final.
7. The awarding of final Points Premiership placings will be the responsibility of the Racing Coordinator and Committee.

### Racing Indiscretions / offences

The following are classed as racing indiscretions/offences and will be penalised as appropriate by the Commissaire:

1. Behaving in a manner inconsistent with the Tamworth Cycle Club, Cycling NSW and Cycling Australia Codes of Conduct
2. Failure to present a current Cycling Australia or UCI competitive license, or purchase a day license or 3-race license, or club receipt or email confirmation of on-line renewals at the registration desk every race
3. Presentation of a bicycle not in conformity with the regulations or in an unsafe condition.
4. Wearing inappropriate, unsafe or offensive race attire
5. Failure to comply with directions given by officials, Commissaires and support personnel assisting or conducting events
6. Failure to follow directions from course marshals and race officials without question or delay;
7. Riding in a dangerous, aggressive, erratic or unpredictable manner which does or could result in other competitors having to take evasive action or crash
8. Failure to maintain a straight course where possible
9. Failure to keep to the left side of the circuit unless overtaking a slower bunch
10. Deviating from the line when the back wheel is not clear of the front wheel of riders following behind or to either side – i.e. you must not cut another rider off when overtaking or attacking
11. Leaving the racing circuit proper and improving position within the bunch
12. Failure to keep both hands on the handlebars, unless a rider is taking a drink
13. Failing to report incidents or near misses to the Commissaire or entry table officials to have the details of their accident recorded, regardless of whether they require first aid treatment
14. Riding or about to ride without a helmet
15. Failing to allow faster bunches to overtake without taking pace from or obstructing them
16. In a sprint deviating from selected line and endangering other riders
17. Failing to pass a slower bunch on the right
18. Failure to observe the centre line rule on open road circuits
19. Pulling, pushing or obstructing another rider
20. Insults, threats, obscene, unseemly behaviour, language or gestures, acts of violence

21. Using a mobile phone, music device of any kind or radio during a race.